



Northern District of Illinois Court Historical Association Newsletter

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From the President

We dedicate this second edition of our newsletter to the many judges of the Northern District of Illinois who have served in the military. We are grateful for their service to this country -- both on the battlefield and the bench -- and are particularly mindful of their sacrifices at this time of year. We hope you enjoy learning more about each of these remarkable individuals and celebrating their accomplishments.

Please keep an eye out for our upcoming Spring/Summer issue in 2016, which will include more rich historical information about our Court. The Northern District of Illinois Court Historical Association is dedicated to recovering, preserving, and promoting the history and artifacts of the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois and to educating the public on the role and

function of the court. The Association is composed of judges, judicial clerks, attorneys, archivists, and historians. If you are interested in learning more or would like to get involved with the Association, please contact me at jvick@seyfarth.com.

Happy New Year!

Jordan Vick

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Military Veterans on the Bench

Many judges have served our country not only from the bench, but from the front lines and in other military capacities. The Northern District of Illinois Court Historical Association acknowledges and honors all of the Northern District of Illinois judges who served in our armed forces over time.

Thirty three judges from the Northern District of Illinois have served in the military. Their service spans a century and includes efforts in World War I, World War II, the Korean War, the Vietnam

War, and the Cold War. They worked their way through the ranks in the Air Force Reserve, Army, Army Air Corps, Army Air Force, Army Infantry, Army National Guard, Army Reserve, Marine Corps, Marine Corps Reserve, Naval Reserve, and Navy.

Undoubtedly, the skills and tenacity each of these individuals developed during their service carried over and contributed to their success on the bench. We thank each of them for the sacrifices they made, and we are grateful for their service.

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Northern District of Illinois Veteran Judges - *Past and Present*

Hon. Marvin E. Aspen - Ill. Nat'l Guard; U.S. Air Force Reserve *

Hon. William J. Bauer - U.S. Army

Hon. Nicholas J. Bua - U.S. Army

Hon. David H. Coar - U.S. Marine Corps; U.S. Marine Corps Reserve

Hon. Brian B. Duff - U.S. Navy, JAG Corps; U.S. Naval Reserve

Hon. Jeffrey Cole - Ill. Nat'l Guard; U.S. Army Reserve, JAG Corps

Hon. Joel M. Flaum - U.S. Naval Reserve, JAG Corps

Hon. William T. Hart - U.S. Army

Hon. Frederick J. Kapala - U.S. Army Reserve

Hon. Arlander Keys - U.S. Marine Corps *

Hon. Alfred Y. Kirkland, Sr. - U.S. Army

Hon. Winfred G. Knoch - U.S. Army

Hon. Charles P. Kocoras - Ill. Army Nat'l Guard

Hon. George N. Leighton - U.S. Army *

Hon. William J. Lynch - U.S. Navy

Hon. Abraham Lincoln Marovitz - U.S. Marine Corps *

Hon. Prentice H. Marshall - U.S. Navy *

Hon. Michael T. Mason - U.S. Army

Hon. Frank J. McGarr - U.S. Army *

Hon. Richard W. McLaren - U.S. Army Air Corps

Hon. Thomas R. McMillen - U.S. Army

Hon. James B. Moran - U.S. Army *

Hon. John A. Nordberg - U.S. Navy

Hon. Charles R. Norgle - U.S. Army

Hon. James B. Parsons - U.S. Naval Reserve *

Hon. Joseph S. Perry - U.S. Navy

Hon. Stanley J. Roszkowski - U.S. Army Air Corps *

Hon. Milton J. Shadur - U.S. Navy *

Hon. Jack B. Schmetterer - U.S. Army

Hon. John Schwartz - U.S. Army Air Force

Hon. Philip L. Sullivan - U.S. Army

Hon. John J. Tharp, Jr. - U.S. Naval Reserve; U.S. Marine Corps Reserve; U.S. Marine Corps

Hon. Philip W. Tone - U.S. Army

Hon. Hubert L. Will - U.S. Army

* Judicial oral history available in Library of the U.S. Courts.

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The N.D. Illinois Court Historical Association is incorporated in the State of Illinois exclusively for education and charitable purposes within the meaning of 501(c)(3) of the IRC. Contributions are used for maintaining archives and educational programming about the history of the court. Contributions may be sent to the Secretary-Treasurer, Room 1637, 219 S. Dearborn, Chicago, IL 60604.

Magistrate Judges Honored

On November 18, 2015 the Northern District of Illinois dedicated a plaque honoring the federal district court's magistrate judges. The plaque, which is located in the Magistrate Judges' Conference Room in the Dirksen Building, lists the names of everyone who has served as a magistrate judge in the N.D. Illinois. Chief Judge Ruben Castillo and Presiding Magistrate Judge Geraldine Soat Brown unveiled the plaque before an appreciative audience of current judges, former judges, and members of the N.D. Illinois Court Historical Association.



Chief Judge Ruben Castillo and Presiding Magistrate Judge Geraldine Soat Brown pose next to the plaque

Chief Judge Castillo noted, "This signifies our thanks to the magistrate judges who have capably served the Northern District of Illinois. On behalf of the entire court, we give gratitude for your service and the personal sacrifices you have made to serve our court."

Presiding Magistrate Judge Geraldine Soat Brown outlined a history of the magistrate judge position and its importance to the federal courts. She stated, "We stand on the shoulders of the people honored on this plaque and hold our positions in trust to the next generation of magistrate judges."

The N.D. Illinois Court Historical Association maintains a chronology of magistrate judges in the N.D. Illinois on its web site: www.ilndhistory.uscourts.gov



Left to right: Hon. Morton Denlow, Hon. Ian H. Levin, Hon. Rebecca R. Pallmeyer, Hon. Ronald A. Guzman, Hon. Arlander Keys, Hon. Elaine Bucklo, Hon. Edward A. Bobrick, Hon. Nan R. Nolan, Hon. P. Michael Mahoney

Not photographed: Hon. Joan H. Lefkow, Hon. Joan B. Gottschall, Hon. W. Thomas Rosemond

Recent Additions to the Bench

The Northern District of Illinois welcomed three new judges to the bench in 2015:

Hon. Jorge L. Alonso - United States District Court

Hon. John Robert Blakey - United States District Court

Hon. Deborah L. Thorne - United States Bankruptcy Court



News from NARA

The National Archives is a treasure trove of military and veteran-related records. The website provides access to request military service records, browse exhibits of veterans records, and link to other sources for veterans research. There is also a section that guides users on using military records for genealogical research.

An extensive collection of World War II photographs are available to view on the website, as well. There is even information on how to request replacement military awards and decorations, in the event that a medal was lost.

Anyone can start his or her research or just browse the materials on the

National Archives website for Veterans Service Records: www.archives.gov/veterans.

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- Request Personnel and/or Medical Records Online
- More ways to get service records
- Learn about military service records (e.g. DD Form 214)
- Recently separated veteran?
- Request DD 214/ Separation Document Online

Research Using Military Records

- What's available online?
- Locate older (pre-WW I) military service records
- Using military records for genealogical research
- Other military and veterans records

Replace Lost Medals and Awards

Learn how to replace lost or damaged medals and awards.

Browse WWII Photos

View a sample of our extensive collection of photographs from World War II.